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Briefs

*** Mass will be held the last Wednesday of each month at 9:00 p.m. in a dormitory on campus. Check with Campus Ministry for the mass schedule.

*** Online elections for Student Association Class Officers had a turn out of 122 votes. The system of voting by paper was also used as a compliment.

*** Core XI opened with great success Thursday, September 18. Renovations have been done on the facility.

*** Senior Class meeting was held on Tuesday, September 23 to discuss ideas for Baccalaureate and Commencement as well as other senior year activities.

Homecoming and Parents' Weekend Enjoyed

by Julia Garcia

Saint Joseph's College celebrated Homecoming Weekend with parents this year, as Parent's Weekend and Homecoming were combined.



photo by Jenny Palecek

Sophomore Shannon Anderson performs at the bonfire

The weekend began with the campus Homecoming parade, followed by the gathering at Lake Banet where the winners of the parade contest were announced. Faculty took first place and \$150. The Cheerlead-

ers were awarded second place and \$100. The Women's Soccer Team took third place and \$50.

In the skit contest, the ladies of Justin Third West were awarded first place which came with a \$150 prize. Brad Gellert, Randy Wagers, and Jason Allen took second place and \$100. In third, the Women's Soccer Team was rewarded with \$50.

In addition to having the football team in attendance at Lake Banet, senior representatives of the fall sports teams were allowed to speak to the crowd.

During halftime of the football game on Saturday, the Homecoming Court winners were announced. DeAnn Hazzard was crowned queen, while Toby Cheatham was selected as king. Nikki Taylor, freshman, was crowned princess, and Sheridan Harvey, freshman, was crowned prince.

The Beer & Brat tent was successful, and profits will be used for projects such as the alumni recognition programs, senior dinner, and the development of the alumni chapter.

"I thought that the turnout for the combination of Parent's Weekend and Homecoming went very smoothly. It allowed parents to see many sporting events and at the same time get to know their students' friends," stated Jill Peterson, Vice-President of the Student Association.

"We are all part of one big Puma family and it was great to see the parents, alumni, and students mingling together all weekend" stated Maureen Egan, Director of Alumni and Parent Relations.

As to whether Parent's Weekend and Homecoming will be combined in the future is still undecided. "It really worked out well for us to com-

photo by Jenny Palecek
Justin third west girls prepare for their skit

bine the events. We'd like to do more family-oriented events in the future which would require us to re-think the whole weekend," added Egan.



Randy Wagers and Jason Allen show their skills

Return appearance of Precious Blood Missionaries on campus

by William Shannon

As students moved into their rooms at the beginning of this academic year, they were greeted by a packet of information about the C.P.P.S. community at Saint Joseph's College. The packet included a mission statement and short biographies of all of the Precious Blood Missionaries on campus.

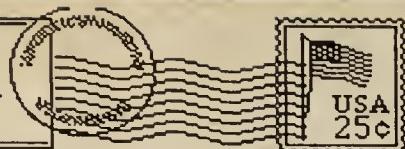
The reason behind this action was that the C.P.P.S. community wants to make their presence and work known to a student body that may not have contact with C.P.P.S. members everyday. Fr. Denny Kinderman, a C.P.P.S. member, said that there was a time not long ago when the college was almost completely staffed by C.P.P.S. community members. The Precious Blood priests, brothers, and even sisters were the faculty, the administration, the kitchen and farm staffs, and the physical plant workers. Kinderman stated that "it would have been impossible to be a student [here] and not know that Saint Joseph's was a Catholic college run by religious; and this was an important part of the reason why many came here."

This idea of the C.P.P.S. being a daily physical presence has almost disappeared in recent years. Brother Tim Hemm, also a Precious Blood Missionary, said that in 1941, the Saint Joseph's College Faculty of forty-five included only two laymen. In 1963, C.P.P.S. Faculty still outnumbered lay faculty forty-seven to forty. After 1965, the number of C.P.P.S. on campus shrank, and in 1993, when President Shannon was inaugurated, the entire Administration was laity. This fact of a smaller C.P.P.S. community led to the project of informing the student body of the C.P.P.S. community and the part that it plays in the campus community.



Missionaries of the Precious Blood

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Letters to
the Editor

Dear Editor:

Are we in college or are we in the midst of some cheesy daytime soap? Billy is doing this...Jimmy did that...and did you hear where Lisa spent last night? It seems that spreading puma rumors is the favorite pastime of Saint Joe students.

My question is this: Why is it your businesss anyway? It reminds me of the game, Telephone, that we played in Junior High School. One person would think of a story and pass it on to the next person. By the time the story reached the end of the line, it was always completely different than the original story. Well, let's take a reality break people...we are not in Junior High anymore, so quit act-

ing like it!

Instead of spreading puma rumors about something you most likely know little about, why don't you try a different approach.

Find out the truth. Before you make a judgement on whether someone is a good or bad person, get to know them, find out what they are about, use a little bit of personal reason.

As a last attempt to put an end to the chaotic world of Saint Joe gossip, I challenge every one of you to dig deep and find some dignity, respect, and maybe even a little maturity. You are in college now, you would be surprised about all of the friends you could make if you just acted like it.

--Anonymous

More Words...

"If you tell the truth, you don't have to remember anything."

--Mark Twain

"When you have eliminated the impossible, whatever remains, however improbable, must be the truth."

--Conan Doyle

Property Damage

by DeAnn Hazzard

I was on my way back to Dwenger on Sunday in a complete panic because our wonderful printer decided to have a complete brain fart and not print. Mixed between a colorful choice of words, my life flashing before me, and my denouncement of this wonderful age of technology, I noticed the new addition to the satellite dishes--three words that resemble, "Let's Get High," or something to that effect.

Of course, I am probably the last one to notice these decorated satellite dishes considering I have been informed that the words have been there for a couple of weeks and will probably be erased by the time this issue goes to print.

But, that does not change the fact that this random act of artwork is completely pointless. Nor does it make me stop wondering, *why?* Why would anyone want to waste his or her time to decorate satellite dishes? What purpose does this serve? Does this solve world hunger? Did this establish peace in the world? No. It just ruined something that was actually beneficial to our campus. It destroyed campus property for no reason, and proved that whoever did this useless act had nothing better to do. Thinking, I guess, was not an option.

I wish I did not even have cause to complain about this because this stuff should not happen. But that of course would mean we are living in a perfect world or at least a mature world. No such luck. Anyway, it is just really annoying because when the school finally acquires something new or better (after students have voiced their opinions, sometimes for way longer than they should have to) it gets destroyed or damaged. And why does it get destroyed or damaged? Nobody knows. I guess the vandal did not have time in his or her busy schedule to leave an explanation.

**CHEERS & JEERS**

*Cheers to the beautiful weekend weather

*Cheers to *Jerry Maguire* on the Puma Channel; cheers to all the good movies, in general, on the Puma Channel

*Cheers to the New Day Student Lounge

*Cheers to the new and improved Core XI

*Cheers to Busy Bee

*Cheers to Bruce and Cindy Mathew. Good Luck and Bon Voyage!

*Jeers to bad weekend food in the cafeteria

*Jeers to the graffiti on the satellite dishes

*Jeers to the continuing cable problems

*Jeers to the printer in Dwenger

*Jeers to dripping showers in Justin

*Jeers to the LSAT

*Jeers to Grad school admissions tests in general

*Jeers to deadlines

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Return Appearance

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The C.P.P.S. also desires to impart to students that they are the beneficiaries of the long educational tradition of the Missionaries of the Precious Blood. Fr. Kinderman stated the C.P.P.S. wanted to reassure everyone concerned that they were continuing in the "founding spirit" of the college to give the student an education based on the Catholic tradition in the particular style of the C.P.P.S.

The C.P.P.S. community at Saint Joseph's College desires to lay out the purpose of their mission and integrate it into the daily life of the college. "We, all of us, are Saint Joseph's College, a Catholic institution with a Precious Blood Missionary manner," said Fr. Kinderman in summary of their ongoing efforts. Br. Hemm also put forth the daily challenge to "articulate the mission of the institution and raising questions of how our charism and spirituality are articulated in the educational mission of the college."

LANOUE TAKES POSITIONS OF DIRECTOR OF SUB AND STUDENT ACTIVITIES

by Natalie Berenda

Taking on the role of Student Union Board Director is not an easy task. With the absence of Karen Schiferl, Julie Lanoue is not only governing S.U.B., she has also taken on the responsibilities of the Director of Student Activities.

Lanoue is a senior majoring in elementary education. She is from Winona Lake, Indiana. She seems to be enthusiastic as she anticipates the future events S.U.B. will be sponsoring this semester.

S.U.B. is part of the National Association for College Activities, also known as N.A.C.A. Members of N.A.C.A. participate in one regional and one national conference each year. These conferences are opportunities for the members of the S.U.B. committee to seek out performers for our entertainment. The performers they see at the national conference come from all over the country.

These performers may range from magicians to comedians. Even though this kind of entertainment has

proven to be successful in the past, Lanoue prefers S.U.B. activities in which the students are more involved. "I would like to see a lot more student run activities like the lip-sync contest. Those activities draw more of a crowd than those like comedians and they cost is a lot less," Lanoue stated.

Lanoue says that she would like to see more student involvement in S.U.B.; not only in participation and attendance, but in planning as well. Lanoue commented, "All the clubs in general give you so much. School isn't all about the academics and the classroom. It's about the life skills that you learn."

Upcoming S.U.B. activities

- Little Sibs Weekend
- Trick or Treating,
- Make Your Own Videos
- Lip Sync- Contest
- Comedian & ESP specialist
- Hercules, Men in Black, and Air Force One on the big screen.

When Lightening Strikes: Communications Damaged

by Bradley Gellert

Over summer, while many were busily saving up their money for the next coming school year, an extraordinary event occurred here on campus. During a thunderstorm, an area of Saint Joseph's College was struck by lightning. The jolt, which occurred on Sunday, May 19, is unknown to have been a direct or an indirect hit. The damage, however, is evident.

Fred Burger, head of the Communications Department at Saint Joseph's, reported that the computer center, the television studio, the radio station, and the phone system had been affected by the lightning strike. Berger commented, "At the television studio, an audio monitor blew on TV6, our satellite receiver was hit, some monitors were affected and had to be degaussed, and a couple of power supplies were blown."

Both consoles at the radio station were seriously damaged, forcing several chips to need replacing. "In addition, it was discovered that a humic acid fil-

ter on the transmitter had been damaged as well. After about a week of operation at WPUM, it failed, which caused the station's power to reduce," Berger stated. Many WPUM listeners may have noticed the low volume at which the station broadcast during this time.

According to Bruce Mathew, who is the Director of Computing Services, the strike cost Saint Joseph's about 15,000 dollars. Mathew added, "Our administrative computer system was down about a week. We had the main CPU board damaged, which alone cost \$500. We lost 13 terminals, network equipment and a few printers." In an attempt to prevent such a calamity from happening here again on campus, part of the network has been re-modeled. Also, installation of some new equipment has occurred.

Power surges often result in unrecognizable damage. Often components are weakened by the surge, but do not fail until a later date. Burger and Mathew both hope that this will not be the situation.

Day Student Lounge Opens

by Becky Johnson

Thursday Sept. 18th marked the opening of the day student "dream lounge". Many students welcomingly supported the event. Beth Moreno stated, "if I were a day student I would be very happy right now."

Day student Pam Brown commented that "we [the day students] fought long and hard for this."

Other students shared in the sentiment with Bob Dusek that "It's about time!" Josh Northrup and Rita Guerro analysed the facilities by saying "it's impressive - the room looks gratifying."

The blessing of the room took place a 3:30 p.m. by Fr. Challancin. Afterwards Fr. Challancin stated "like the disciples, I hope the students find this lounge a place to rest and find comfort." Bill Manis helped to celebrate the long awaiting opening by bringing a tree for the introductory.

The Day Student Lounge is located on the south side of Halleck center on the second level. It has replaced the office that Campus Life occupied previously.

Mathew Says Goodbye to Saint Joe

by David Minnis

Director of Computing Services, Bruce Mathew, turned in his resignation last week. In 1987, he became the Director of Computing Services. His wife, Cindy, who works for the Business Office, has worked here for the past sixteen years both in the Business Office and in Financial Aid.

Mathew recently accepted a job at Western Wisconsin Technical College in LaCrosse, Wisconsin, as the Director of Technology and Telecommunications. As Director of Technology and Telecommunications, he will be in charge of distance learning, telecommunications, as well as computers. He will be managing a budget of close to one million dollars.

Mathew commented that he is proud of what he and his co-workers have built here with the computer system. The network has a very good track record and Mathew plans on building a network as solid as the one here for Western Wisconsin Technical College.

Mathew has been keeping an eye out for opportunities

for several years. He has turned down other offers in the past and feels that he has made the right decision, although one of the hardest he has ever made. Bruce and Cindy feel that Saint Joseph's College is their home and they have contributed a great deal of time and effort to the college. Mathew shared the sentiment that he wants "to say thank you to everyone I have worked with here in the past 13 years." He also stated, "I think of many of you as 'my family'."

He further commented, "I'm going to miss all the students in the Computer Center and the basketball games." He said that he will "especially miss Little 500 week, building the track." He expressed concerns about the future of the race, commenting, "I just hope someone keeps Little 500 alive. Little 500 has been a big part of my life here at Saint Joseph's."

Mathew concluded, "It's amazing how deep our roots are here at Saint Joseph's. Homecoming will have a whole new meaning for me from now on."

Getting to Know You:

A Freshman Reflects on her First Week at SJC

by Karri Starkman

August 21 had come upon us all at last. I found myself lost in the crowd asking random people where Justin was. My parents and I wandered about the roads of Saint Joe. After we circled Halleck about three times, a professor directed us toward Justin.

Once inside Justin, I had the pleasure of trying to find my room. When I finally located my room, I was told that there were no keys to it. My RA had to use the master key to get me in. Finally inside, my family and I were faced with the task of unloading all my stuff into this tiny dorm room.

This is when I discovered the benefits of living on the first floor. We backed up the cars to the window and threw my stuff in. A short time later, my roommate came and we showed her how to unload.

After the freshmen mass, I was faced with my teary-eyed mother and father.

Once again, my father warned me of "those crazy boys" and my mother reminded me to call her every day. I humored them and pushed them out the door.

My roommate and I rejoiced in our new-found freedom. We began the slow process of decorating our small and humble abode. However, we soon realized that decorating only provided fun for a short while. Then what were we going to do?

Sure, there were all the freshmen orientation exercises, but we all know how much fun those are! We attended all of the planned events, but to no avail. We found that most people had already formed their own cliques. Many people had come here knowing someone, but my roommate and I knew only each other and did not seem to fit in with any of the groups.

Orientation was coming to a close, and we still had not made any new friends. We decided to take more initiative

and check out our dorm. We wandered around our hall, but to our disbelief, almost everyone was out partying.

To make matters worse, the television was not working, either. This seemed like the ultimate nightmare. We were probably the only people who welcomed the start of classes. We figured that classes would allow us to mingle with people more.

We also came to the realization that there had to be other people out there like us. We were right! By the end of the first week, we had met another girl who felt much like us. The three of us were good friends from the start.

Now as I look back on my first week at Saint Joe's, I laugh to myself. It is hard to believe that I thought that no one here would accept me. I have found numerous people here who are willing to listen and who have often been through the same stuff that I have. Now I can truthfully say, "It's a great day to be a Puma!"

On The Record: Puma Rumors

"I have been the topic of puma rumors in the past, and they are a bunch of B.S. But they can be entertaining if you don't take them seriously."

-Linda Teigland

"They can definitely be detrimental. If something gets out about people, it can give them a bad image. Of course, on a campus this small, it's pretty likely that this will happen."

-Denis Gak

"I hear a few every now and

then, but I don't really listen to them. I hate rumors."

-Beth Eikenberry

"By the time I hear them, I basically know whether or not they're true. They're pretty much a waste of time. But I do like to spread them once in a while...."

-Chris Greski

"I've heard a lot of rumors about other people and some about myself. I think they're kind of funny, and I sometimes listen to them, but I never repeat them. A lot of

people read too much into rumors. If people worried less about other people and more about themselves, these rumors wouldn't go on."

-Kelly Gandurski

"Most of them have no basis in truth."

-Patty Hall

"I think this school is too cliquey, and the rumors are crap. I think people spread rumors about other people to keep them out of their social groups."

-Nate Stinnet

Outta Site

by Heidi Jugovic

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Online Voting: Technology Meets Campus Elections

by Bob Dusek

The Student Senate has adopted a new voting option for Student Association (SA) elections. Last semester, in response to a suggestion by former Student Association Faculty Advisor, Brian Capouch, the Senate voted to start holding SA elections online.

As the new year began and the class elections and Homecoming nominations were upon the students of Saint Joe's, the software to implement the online voting concept was finished.

Senior Paul Schroeder was the programmer of the software, receiving consultation on voting matters from Capouch and the President of the SA, Bob Dusek.

Voting began on Tuesday, September 9. The online elections were available for access from Saint Joe's homepage through Thursday the 11th.

Votes were taken in the traditional manner as well as online. The traditional method, or the on paper vote, was implemented to serve as a back-up plan in the case of software fail-

ure of the online voting method.

However, students were not limited to using one method. Students were allowed to vote both online and on paper so that they could decide which method they preferred. Preventing people from voting both online and on paper would have been difficult if both options were available.

"Candidates and voters don't need to worry, though, because if a student did vote both online and on paper, only the on paper vote was counted," Dusek explained.

There was a partial failure of the online voting software, but it was unnoticed until the elections were tallied. The error was a simple one, which, according to Capouch, "should have been found before the election."

The error only affected the junior class treasurer race, as the other races only had one candidate running for each office, and all votes cast with an error were votes for the sole candidate of those races.

The junior class treasurer problem was solved by the SA officers, who personally contacted all of the people whose vote was lost. Enough votes were gathered to determine the winner.

The bug was fixed for the Homecoming elections, which were held on September 16, 17 and 18 online only.

There were a total of 201 voters who took advantage of the online vote. However, there were over 100 on paper votes taken for the class elections and Homecoming nominations, which shows considerable interest in traditional voting methods.

This interest led the Student Senate to discussion regarding the future of online voting at Saint Joe's. The advantages and disadvantages of both methods were discussed, as well as general student reactions to the online voting method.

The majority of the Senate voted to hold elections both on paper and online to ensure voting convenience for all students.

Homecoming and Parents' Weekend a Success

by Heidi Jugovic

This year Homecoming and Parents' Weekend were combined with success at SJC. The overwhelming majority of students asked about their experiences of this event said that they had a good time, although some students had concerns.

One student was worried about bringing her conservative parents to campus during one of the traditionally rowdy weekends on campus. Others worried that with so much to do, certain events would not attract much participation.

Junior Jamie Portal preferred keeping Homecoming and Parents' Weekend separate. She commented, "I liked having two separate weekends in the past. It wasn't bad this year, but it's nice having two opportunities to have visitors on campus."

Rachel Hempel, a senior, said, "No one wants to have their parents up during Home-

coming because they want to go out with their friends, but having the weekends now was better than having them later when it's too cold."

The busy schedule of the dual event did hurt the dance, which had few participants. Freshman Ken Thomas felt that the dance was a failure. He said, "Tell the school to save their money if they're going to have a bad DJ and a pathetic dance."

Combining the weekends also squeezed together past activities, such as having a fall play on Parents' Weekend. Senior Matt Owens of the Columbian Players is concerned that this will hurt attendance when the play is performed on a different weekend.

In spite of these concerns, most students saw no problems with combining Parents' Weekend and Homecoming. However, many of these students' parents did

not visit during Homecoming. Many different events were enjoyed by students. Although the football team lost their game, many students cited the game as their favorite activity of the weekend. Others enjoyed SUB activities that took place during the football game.

Senior Jeff Kirch said, "It was a nice calm weekend. It didn't get too rowdy with trash everywhere."

Some students listed their favorite activity as the Saturday night dorm festivities, seeing the alumni, having friends visit the campus, watching the soccer games, or having candy thrown at them during the parade.

One activity which was missed from last year was the Justin brunch. Also, many students would like to see more home football games and more teams with home games during Homecoming weekend.

Ask Arnie

Dear Arnie,

I have this problem. I like this guy, but he doesn't know how I feel about him. I want to tell him, but I'm scared and don't know how to. I'm also afraid that if I tell him, he will react badly to it and stop being my friend. Should I tell him and hope for the best or should I wait and hope he figures it out?

Sincerely,
Lonely in Love

Dear Lonely in Love,

Situations like this can be rather sticky, especially when friendship is involved. You can either tell him and hope for the best, or not say anything and spend a good deal of time wondering how he feels about you. If you do tell him and reacts badly, then the friendship probably wasn't that strong anyway.

There is always the chance that he may feel the same way about you and doesn't know how to tell you. If you still feel that you can't just go up and tell him how you feel, then try to find ways to spend more time with him and get to know him even better. Once you get to know him better, you may be able to open up more freely.

Dating can be very tricky, especially in this neck of the woods. If you think that your friendship is to the point where you can express these feelings, then go for it. Carpe Diem!

-Arnie

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Kami Conlon...Star Student-Athlete

by James Sedam

Attributing most of her accomplishments in life to influences such as family and friends, senior Kami Conlon has had a successful career as a student-athlete. With opportunities knocking at the door, Kami will undoubtedly make her mark on society.

Four years ago, Kami made the trip from Muncie, Indiana, to tiny Rensselaer with the hope of playing volleyball and getting a good education. She has been a success at both.

Being an Elementary Education major, she has the desire to teach when she departs from Saint Joe's, and also has an interest in coaching Junior High volleyball.

Kami lists her influences as her family and friends. The Conlon family has a strong background in the sport of volleyball. Her mother has been coaching for a number of years and has influenced the entire family. Kami's

older sister played in high school and currently plays in Cleveland. She and one of her younger sisters had the opportunity to play together throughout junior high and high school.

Volleyball is not the only sport that Kami enjoys. At Yorktown High School, she participated in tennis, cheerleading and swimming. She decided to narrow it down to volleyball when she arrived at SJC and has helped the team tremendously.

Coach Kevin Furnish said, "Kami is getting better every year and is a very smart player." He went on to say, "You cannot measure the contribution that she has made on and off the court. She is a spark plug to the team as both a player and a captain. She anticipates the team's needs and reacts accordingly. She is just an all around great player and more importantly, she is a great friend."



Kami has spent the last three years as a captain for the Pumas, and the hard work has led to a tremendously successful season.

"It is really uplifting to see that all of our hard work and dedication has paid off," Kami said.

Off the court, Kami enjoys hanging out with her friends, going to class, and just having a good time. She says that she has learned a lot from volleyball that she can take with her throughout life.

Among these are, dedication, hard work, budgeting

her time, and not giving up.

"Volleyball is a very competitive sport, just like life. I can use what I have learned in volleyball and apply them to anything I decide to do in life...whether it be teaching, coaching, or both," she commented.

Whatever Kami does decide to do, she will definitely be successful at it. She encourages everyone to be an athlete if possible.

"Athletics offers people the chance to build good work habits, build friendships, and it offers a family away from home."

Kami will be at Saint Joseph's next year for one more semester, but not as a student. She will be on the sidelines with a clipboard, cheering on the Pumas as an assistant coach.

Kami Conlon has made her mark on Saint Joe and will step out into life with will power, dedication, and confidence.

On Track..

Women's Soccer Kicks Down the Competition

by Tammie Williams

The women's soccer team came off a productive Homecoming weekend with wins over Southern Illinois University of Edwardsville and the University of Southern Indiana. The wins boosted the Lady Pumas to a rank of fifteen in the NCAA Division II rankings.

On Saturday afternoon, September 20, the Pumas defeated SIU-Edwardsville 4-2. Sophomore forward Mary Reid and Senior tri-captain Jessica Beckemeier were responsible for the goals.

On Sunday, the Pumas defeated the Southern Indiana Screaming Eagles 1-0 with the lone goal coming off the foot of sophomore midfielder Julie Recker. Senior tri-captain and goalkeeper Mary Zurek recorded her fourth shutout of the year.

"We had a very good weekend," said Zurek. "We played as a team, and that showed, especially in the Southern Indiana game."

The weekend games prepared the Pumas for long-time rival Lewis University. In front of a crowd of over 100 fans, the Pumas defeated the Flyers 2-1.

"The defense played phenomenally. They knew exactly where to be every time and they covered for each other very well," said Beckemeier. "We were able to get a couple of goals very early and we were able to play really good defense. I think they won the game."

The Pumas return to action at home in two non-conference games against Valparaiso University on September 30, and Missouri-Rolla on October 3.

Women's Tennis Team has Undefeated Season

by Matt Carter

The Saint Joseph's College women's tennis team finished their regular GLVC season with a 9-0 record. They finished 12-0 overall.

Last weekend the women went to Illinois to play SIU-Edwardsville and Quincy University. The women defeated both squads 8-1.

"We are a very stacked



Sophomore Liz Decker jumps for an overhand shot.

team all the way down," said sophomore Katherine Flanigan. "Whenever someone loses, everyone else makes up the slack," she added.

"This has been a dream season," Flanigan added.

The Lady Pumas will travel to Indianapolis to take part in the Rolex tournament the weekend of October 4 and 5.

Softball Team Springs into Fall Practice

by Kevin Collins

The Puma softball team is a young team this year with 6 freshmen, 8 sophomores, 3 juniors, and 2 seniors. The team has been working hard this fall, playing some very stiff competition including several Division One opponents.

Assisted by Kevin Furnish and Kelly Kimmins, head coach Mark Settle hopes that

playing the tougher competition will help the Lady Pumas improve their game and become more prepared for the leading Division Two teams that they will be playing later this year.

During the fall season the Lady Pumas have an opportunity to gain some playing experience with one another. Also, the coaching staff has an opportunity to see how in-

dividual players are able to fill different positions.

"Playing fall games is an advantage because there is not as much emphasis placed on winning or losing, and therefore it is easier to experiment with different line-ups. However, due to the fact that some of these ladies participate in other sports, the entire team is not getting to play together during the fall season," Coach

Furnish said. "When their current sports end, they will be able to play together."

The Lady Pumas will see their first Spring action during Spring Break when they take their annual trip to Orlando, Florida. This trip will give the team a chance to work out any last minute kinks before they return to Indiana and start playing conference competition.

Football Team Working Toward Improvement in Future Games

by Jamie Roberto

The Pumas were not able to put another win under their belt as they were defeated by the West Liberty State Hilltoppers on September 20th by a score of 47-37.

The main reasons for their homecoming loss was because of mistakes and fumbles.

Coach Riva feels that the team could have prepared better on the little things. The team had eight fumbles in the game, four of which the Hilltoppers used to score.

Coach Riva thinks that the team has to bounce back and concentrate when dealing with their mistakes.

"If we correct our mistakes and get better, we can control the mistakes and continue to win games," he explained. "We are headed in the right direction. We can and we will be a good football team if we continue to play hard and concentrate. Good things can happen if we stay focused," he added.

The Pumas beat the Hilltoppers last year in com-



photo by Charles Martin

The Pumas rough it up with the West Liberty State Hilltoppers

petition. Coach Riva felt that the Hilltoppers are not any better this year than they were last year.

"The Hilltoppers took us more seriously this year and wanted to beat us more than the year before," he explained. "If we took care of business, the score would have been the same as last year," he added.

Some of the key players of the game were Seniors Brian Outlaw, Larry Smith (who unfortunately experienced a knee injury), Scott

Moore (who contributed 161 yards passing and a touchdown), and Sophomore Elbert Henderson (with a game high of 12 tackles).

Most valuable players were defensive linebacker Senior Mike Stewart, and running back Senior Marty Corley for the offense.

Corley agreed with Coach Riva regarding the mistakes the team made.

"We played good but we had too many mistakes, turnovers, and penalties. We did not do what we had to," he

said. "We are going to win our last seven games. We just have to get rid of our mistakes," he added.

Stewart, who had nine tackles for the Pumas, felt that the team played unenthusiastically.

"Our team does not have any emotion right now. Everyone on the team, myself included, needs to stop making stupid mental errors and quit complaining about little things and start playing the kind of football our team is capable of playing," he stated.

Men's Soccer: Starting to Refocus

by Jill Masters

The Men's Soccer team now has a record of 2-4 after competing against the Lewis University Flyers.

The Flyers took a commanding lead right from the start, using every mental and physical error the Pumas made to their advantage.

Senior Bill Gill commented, "We have mental breakdowns throughout the games and that is when we are most vulnerable. If we could put together a complete 90 minutes of good fundamental soccer we would be a tough team to beat."

Some players think that a big problem with the team is anticipation. Being able to anticipate the kick, the pass, or the shot is vital to the game of soccer.

"We know what to do in practice, and have executed plays to perfection in practice. When it comes to the game, things quickly dissolve into a kick ball match instead of a soccer game," Senior Patrick John commented. "If we could relax and play like we do in practice, who knows what we're capable of accomplishing!"

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Men's Golf Team has Successful Road Trip

by Jamie Roberto

The men's golf team had a great showing at their two most recent invitationals.

The team started their road trip on Monday, September 15th, at the Kentucky Wesleyan College Invitational. They finished in ninth place with Sophomore Brett Gastineau paving the way with a score of 71. His

teammates, Senior Jason Rozanski and Junior George Flick followed closely be-

hind with a score of 74 each respectively.

The team then traveled to the University of Southern Indiana where they came in 9th place with 321 points. Gastineau had the best score once again with a 73.

Gastineau feels that the team has been playing really well thus far this season.

"We're doing really good compared to last season. We should all have a good, strong season."

Women's Golf Team Slices into Success

by Jamie Roberto

The women's golf team is teeing off in the right direction. They finished in fifth place out of nine teams in a two day tournament that was held on Sunday September 21st and Monday September 22nd at Curtis Creek Country Club.

The women's team finished with a score of 736.

The top four finishers were Senior Jill Peterson with 176, Junior Marcy Janjecic with 186, and Sophomore Kristi Flick and Freshman Erin Stachnik both with a score of 187.

The team practices everyday for three hours at the country club. Their goals for the season are to have a stronger showing in tournaments,

to grow in maturity, and dedication.

Janjecic feels that the team is having a good season.

"We have had a productive season so far. We're playing better than last season. There's a strong sense of teamwork," she said. "We should show two very strong performances in our last two tournaments this fall."

The Edge takes you to its Namesake

by Donald Shanahan

If you want a pulse-pounding and suspenseful ride on the wild side," look no further than *The Edge*. This Alaskan-set thriller stars Anthony Hopkins, best known for his Oscar-winning performance in *The Silence of the Lambs*, and Alec Baldwin, most recently from *The Ghosts of Mississippi*. The film opened on September 26th, but I was fortunate enough to see an exclusive sneak preview.

Hopkins plays a multi-billionaire, Charles, married to a fashion model half his age, played by Elle MacPherson. They are joined on a vacation to Alaska by a fashion agency camera team headed by Bob Greene, Baldwin's character. Despite his immense wealth, Charles is very smart in the ways of the world. He is a real salt-of-the-earth kind of guy. He has read hundreds of books on hundreds of topics, but putting that knowledge to use is the hard part. Charles, his

wife, and their associates stay in a remote lodge not only for a photo shoot, but to celebrate Charles's birthday.

Greene wants to move to another site for shooting farther north. He asks Charles to come with him in a plane ride deep into the wilderness. During the flight, Charles confronts him on a secret he has noticed: Greene wants Charles's wife. At that instant, the movie throws a wrench in the gears. The airplane pilot flies through a flock of migrating geese which smash through the plane and its engines. The plane dives out of control and crashes into a lake below.

The only survivors are Greene, Charles, and Greene's assistant. They are almost a hundred miles from their lodge, freezing, and without supplies. On top of that, one suspects the other of taking his wife. To survive, the two must put away their

differences, fight for their lives, and take themselves to "the edge."

The title for this movie is very appropriate. The situation the characters are in takes them to the edge of their physical, mental, and emotional limits. Their struggle is exciting to watch. One can tell that Baldwin and Hopkins did their own stunts. Add suspense, action, and picturesque scenery, and you've got a great movie.

Hopkins shows his incredible ability to become a character in his portrayal of the book-smart billionaire with a knack for making plans. Baldwin, as the big city yuppie, cracks under the pressure many times. Combine these two leads with a daunting adversary (which I will leave a mystery) and you have a movie that is exceptionally acted and realistic. All in all, *The Edge* is a top-notch thriller.

Chasing Your Tale

by Charles Martin

Blinding sights to blind the
feeble eyes,
Dreams to fill the weary
minds.

(but thoughts can be de-
ceiving)

Sorry for making you
waste my time, but
I had no control; none.
A slow July night, creepy
with subtle clues,
Brought me to my nervous
knees.

(but I stand again)

I'll never give up
Trying to see eye to eye.
You keep trying to understand
that I will never
Break my promises.
Realize that you are too
smart to
Tell me everything I said
was true.

It won't work.
(I forgive you)

I suddenly feel like a different person when
You ask me that question, the
one I have
No choice but to answer.
The dusky dawn brings a new perspective
On how you pull me around. A
new day.
A diversion to teach me that I am
helpless.

(sorry, but true...)
The clear blue sky of
Twilight holds my hand,
But it grasps you also.
Give me the strength to walk
away.
(I'll walk slowly)

What have you done
My little one?
Seeking this lofty goal...

Hesitant Love

by Mark Polit

Hesitantly I look to my
side
as my confidence begins
to hide.

My eyes, they move
towards her way,
focused on her beauty is
where they wish to
stay.

Falling from reality.
Losing my grip.
The beginning of love is
a hesitant trip.
As time stands still,
I am being drained of

my will.
Uncertainty and doubt
have unwarrantedly
come about,

preventing me from
lending her my word.
My inner voice is
shaken and blurred.

The mind is
disillusioned and

though my heart is perfectly
clear,
it is drowning in a sea of
fear.

My time is slowly slipping
away.
It always seems easier to look
towards another day,
but days are short and move too
fast.

Slowly, time is running out for
me to ask.
Does she notice my interest?
Or is she merely avoiding my
intrigue?

Why are feelings like this so
hard to see?
If I decide to risk it all and
speak,

will she find my attempt futile
and weak?
This is the question, centuries
old,

The answer to which I must
unfold.

The Weeper

by Koral

Mabel was the unofficial weeper of Torrenceville. She was the one to whom children came to bewail little troubles and big griefs. She was the one who showed up on your doorstep, right after trouble came calling, with sympathy for those who needed it and comfort for those who wanted it. Mabel would take each person into her arms and let them cry on her shoulder while she wept with them, making it okay.

Once I asked, "How do you do it, Mabel? How do you help those people?"

Mabel turned, with that omnipresent fairy-twinkle in

her eye, and answered, "Jeannie, there are an awful lot of griefs in a person's life. We all have a thousand little losses to mourn. I cry with them and they don't have to cry quite as much. It's that simple."

I nodded, not understanding one bit and not disturbed by it. Mabel's way worked. It was enough.

When Mabel's husband died, we didn't know what to expect from her. A lot of crying, I guess.

Only, she didn't. She just sat calmly on her porch in the dry heat.

I was worried. I thought

I should try to help her cry. I remembered when I had told her that I was pregnant again and Billy had told me I couldn't go back to school now. Mabel had helped me grieve when I hadn't even known it was grieving I needed. I couldn't do that. I didn't have her magic.

Mabel sat until the rains came early one dawn. I grabbed my umbrella. I had to get her inside before she caught cold.

Then I looked again ...

I turned back, relieved and finally understanding.

"He" was weeping with her now. It would be enough.